

9. (Third Amendment) A modified growth hormone receptor (hGHR) consisting

*D<sup>1</sup> cont* of residues 32-237, 32-234 or 34-233 of the native hGHR molecule.

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Please add the following claims 42 and 43:

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-42. (NEW) Modified human growth hormone receptor protein, comprising human growth hormone receptor protein truncated in at least one terminal end to delete at least one molecule segment which contributes to a disordered structure, the modified human growth hormone receptor protein being capable of being crystallized without being complexed to a ligand molecule.--

*D<sup>2</sup>  
but E127* --43. (NEW) A modified human growth hormone receptor protein according to claim 42, truncated in its C-terminal end and in its N-terminal end.--

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